

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 6, 1838.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RIVES submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany Senate bill No. 352.]

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Andrew Forrest, with the accompanying documents, report :*

That the petitioner was sutler at the station of the marine corps at the navy yard in the city of Washington ; that in the year 1819, a detachment of twenty-seven marines was sent from that place to the ship of the line Columbus ; that these marines were in debt to the petitioner, as sutler, in various sums, amounting in the whole to \$368 34, which ought to have been deducted from their pay and paid to him, before they were sent from the station ; that the money was not paid to the petitioner, because R. M. Desha, the paymaster of the marine corps, had not funds for that purpose, but directed their accounts to be transferred to the purser of the Columbus, with instructions to stop the amount due to the petitioner from their pay ; that the deductions were made by the purser, and in the settlement of his accounts at the department, the amount was charged to the purser, and passed to the credit of said Desha, as paymaster of the corps ; that said Desha was at that time in debt to the Government, and, of course, the money was retained in the Treasury.

Upon this state of facts, the committee are of opinion that the Government have no just right to retain this money, but that it is proper that the same should be paid to the petitioner, and report a bill for his relief.

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